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Man Charged With Hit-and-Run, Assault, Other Crimes After Televised Police Pursuit on 91 Freeway

A 25-year-old man accused of leading authorities on a televised police pursuit — which shut down the 91 Freeway for several hours — was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

John Raymond Lopez (dob 10/19/90) of Norwalk has been charged with 10 counts in case TA140040: two counts of sale/transport/offer to sell controlled substance and one count each of possession for sale of cocaine base, possession for sale of a controlled substance, assault with a deadly weapon, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly, driving or taking a vehicle without consent, hit-and-run driving resulting in injury to another person, hit-and-run resulting in property damage and driving when privilege suspended or revoked for a driving under the influence conviction.

Additionally, the felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant was previously convicted of assault upon a peace office or firefighter in 2014.

Lopez is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 12 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$110,000.

Prosecutors said on May 5 sheriff's deputies in Compton spotted a Mercedes Benz that was believed to be involved in a crime.

When authorities attempted to pull over the vehicle, Lopez reportedly sped off and began heading eastbound on the 91 Freeway, prosecutors said.

During the three-hour police pursuit, Lopez allegedly hit two cars and injured one of the drivers, prosecutors added.

Following a standoff with police on the 91 Freeway, Lopez was extracted from the Mercedes Benz and arrested, according to prosecutors.

Lopez allegedly was found in possession of drugs in the vehicle that had been rented to another person, according to prosecutors.

If convicted as charged, Lopez faces a maximum possible sentence of seven years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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